

SITUATION REPORT NO. 29
INCIDENT NO. 2005-075
DATE: August 3, 2005 Time: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms and Flooding** – On July 22, North Dakota received a Presidential Disaster declaration for severe storms, flooding and ground saturation.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** The Ransom County Emergency Manager reported that 119 cattle, 20 buffalo, 28 elk, 12 horses, three sheep and two deer have been infected by anthrax. In Walsh County, three cattle have died with at least one testing positive for anthrax. In Dickey County, one donkey tested positive for anthrax.
3. **DAMAGES:** The N.D. State Veterinarian reported anthrax has now been confirmed in three locations in northeast North Dakota, bringing the state's total to 69 locations in ten counties. Up until now, this year's outbreak had been confined to southeastern North Dakota, including Barnes (seven locations), Dickey (six), LaMoure (seven), Ransom (37) and Sargent (seven) counties. The latest report includes single locations in Grand Forks, Griggs, Steele, Traill and Walsh counties. The State Veterinarian encourages livestock owners to continue vaccinations and to dispose of carcasses by burning them.

Ransom County

County Extension Service, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Forest Service and Emergency Management officials held meetings to discuss the anthrax situation. The extension office mailed information to all livestock producers in the county with information on symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and control, disposal, personnel protection and regulations pertaining to the control of anthrax. Local newspapers and radio stations have shared information and disseminated press releases. Many of the counties livestock have been vaccinated in the past weeks. Livestock owners have been encouraged to report new cases to the County Extension or Emergency Management offices.

Walsh County

The County Emergency Manager reported confirmed anthrax in a livestock herd in western Walsh County. Remaining animals in the infected herd along with surrounding herds have been vaccinated. Information is being provided to other livestock owners recommending vaccination and inspections of livestock herds.

The Bismarck and Grand Forks National Weather Service (NWS) indicated there is a chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms. Storms that do develop are expected to be below severe limits.

The Grand Forks NWS issued a Flash Flood Warning for central Richland County on August 3, due to three to five inches of rain that fell south of a line from Wyndmere to Wahpeton to Foxhome.

River Statements

Flood warnings remain in effect for the Souris River at Westhope and the Willow Creek near Willow City.

River forecasts from the NWS, based on current observations, are as follows:

River	Flood Stage	Last Report	Comments
Souris River near Westhope	10 feet	12.99 feet at 11:00 a.m. August 3	River trend is falling
Willow Creek near Willow City	10 feet	12.24 feet at 8:00 a.m. August 3	River trend is falling

The State Operations Center (SOC) received the following reports of storm activity from agricultural officials:

Dickey County

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) County Emergency Board (CEB) reported hail, high winds and heavy rain occurred the morning of July 25 causing severe damage to crops in an area along the North Dakota and South Dakota border. USDA officials estimate 69,000 acres were affected by the storm. Of the estimates 12,000 acres received zero to 20 percent damage, 28,200 acres received 20 to 30 percent damage, 7,500 acres received 30 to 50 percent damage, 15,653 acres received 60 to 80 percent damage and 5,600 acres received 100 percent damage.

Hettinger County

The USDA CEB indicated that there were various degrees of hail damage throughout the county from the July 24 thunderstorm.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No changes from previous reports.

STATE: No changes from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No changes from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On August 3, Governor John Hoeven announced six additional North Dakota counties and one tribal nation to include: Mountrail, Pembina, Ransom, Renville, Rolette and Towner counties and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, have been added to the July 22 presidential disaster declaration. The addition means that now communities in 26 counties and three tribal nations are eligible for federal funds for recovery from public infrastructure damages incurred during the severe storms, flooding and ground saturation occurring between June 1 and July 7.

On August 1, Governor John Hoeven announced that the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will increase Nelson County's federal aid allotment by \$100,000 to move County Road 24 south and east of the portion currently under water in Stump Lake.

On August 1, the board of commissioners for Adams County and the city of Hettinger declared an emergency.

Steele County

On August 3, the NDDOT provided a 16-inch PTO-driven pump to assist with pumping water from a slough that is impacting a township road and one farmstead west of the city of Sharon.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No changes from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No changes from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/des>.

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